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TO: The Secretary
THROUGH: P - Mr. Tarnoff
FROM: AF - George E. Moose
SUBJECT: Your Meeting with Organization of African
Unity Secretary General Salim A. Salim, in
Your Office, June 28, at

I. OBJECTIVES

1. Encourage Secretary General Salim's efforts to strengthen OAU mediation, conflict prevention and conflict resolution capabilities in Africa. (Talking points provided.)
2. Exchange perceptions of conflicts and/or peacekeeping operations in Rwanda, Angola, Sudan, Liberia, Somalia, and Mozambique. (Talking points provided.)
3. Reiterate our reasons for supporting the French initiative on Rwanda. (Talking points provided.)

II. APPROACH

Salim is in Washington to address the White House Conference on Africa. He will probably visit with various members of Congress and may see NSC Advisor Lake and AID Administrator Atwood. Our relations with the OAU are good and getting better, in large measure due to Salim's energetic leadership and his setting out new, responsible objectives for OAU action. The OAU turned the corner on their previous absolute avoidance of involvement in member state internal matters when, in their 1993 Cairo declaration, they committed themselves to creating a Central Organ and Mechanism for the prevention and resolution of conflicts in Africa.

Notwithstanding the OAU's commitment, their capability at present is largely confined to mediation efforts. Developing regional conflict resolution capabilities is one of our key policy objectives in Africa. In 1994, we are providing the OAU with dollars 3.5 million to assist in the development of these capabilities. In Rwanda, OAU efforts to mediate a settlement were originally encouraging, but ultimately came apart when the Rwandan president's airplane crashed in April. Since then, Salim has not publicly opposed efforts on the part of others to deal with the crisis.

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III. PARTICIPANTS

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Attachments:

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